

Bergevin Lane

2013 Dreamweaver Malbec

Wahluke Slope



Vintage Notes:

The 2013 growing started slowly, with an extended bloom period due to cooler than average temperatures. After bloom we couldn't have programmed better growing conditions. Very warm days and cool clear nights were the norm. A few scattered thunderstorms hit sections of the growing area but there was no significant rainfall after early June, allowing for precise canopy management. Through July and August we had warmer than normal temperatures and no rainfall. Harvest ended up starting about a week early from the warm sites, but as things cooled off we were able to slow down things in the Walla Walla valley and allow the fruit to get fully mature for perfect flavors. Over all the 2013 vintage will prove to be an excellent vintage.

Tasting Notes:

Aromas of cedar, cassis and black cherry fill the nose. Dark fruit (plum, cassis and black cherry) come together with exotic spice on the palate. Black fruit combines with a silky but firm texture. The lingering finish is lengthy dark cherry in a framework of ripe but firm tannins. The motto of this wine, good things come to those that wait is . Pour a glass, enjoy it, then try it again a couple of hours later. Good things come to those that wait.

Appellation/Vineyards:

82% Stone Tree (Wahluke Slope) 18% Bergevin Springs (Walla Walla)

Final Blend:

90% Malbec, 5% Merlot & 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aging:

20 months in 55% New Oak; 64 % French Oak and 36% American Oak

Bottle Date & Cases Produced:

June 30, 2015 14.4% alc. 133 Cases (750ml)

Winemaking Notes:

Sometimes, even before the grapes are picked, it is obvious that a special wine is at hand. You taste the grapes, it is there. In 2013 this happened twice, in early September at Stone tree vineyard, then again in early October at Bergevin Springs Vineyard. Both Vineyards produced Malbec with intense dark fruit flavors without any of the pronounced green character you can get from the varietal in lesser years or over cropping. The Stone tree component is the melody with bright intense fruit which is fresh and forward. The Bergevin Springs component is smooth harmony, sublime and seductive, with earthy tobacco and a savory character. I blended a small amount of Stone Tree merlot to add a bit of grip to the finish and a small addition of Stone Tree cabernet sauvignon which intensified the fruit flavors.